

Start Up Conclave: Manipur gifted with natural beauty and people with talents- CM

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has said that Manipur is gifted with rich natural wealth and beauty and people of the State has enormous talents. This was stated by him at the "Manipur Start Up Conclave, 2019" and launching of MyGov Manipur at City Convention Centre, Imphal today.

Speaking as Chief Guest of the function, Chief Minister said that he is delighted to see the youths coming out with ideas, initiatives and innovations that would bring change in our society. He mentioned that for decades, due to insurgency,

Manipur has gone through a difficult period when our imagination and innovative ideas were curtailed. However after the present government comes to power, there is peace and a new chapter has been started in the State, he added. Chief Minister said that under the leadership of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, "Startup India" was taken up with the objective to build a strong start-up eco-system for nurturing innovation and entrepreneurship in the country. Similarly in Manipur, "Manipur Start-Up" was initiated to provide the enabling eco-system to support and nurture startups in the region.

Expressing happiness over the potential of the youth for their talent, ideas and innovations, Chief Minister assured that the government would increase the budget for the



"Manipur Start-Up Scheme". He mentioned that this year, we received a total of 3966 applicants out of which 798 were shortlisted. 98 startups under Revenue stage, 579 startups under Idea stage and 177 under Entrepreneurs Support Scheme (ESS) were selected to provide loans

under the scheme. He thanked the banks including SBI, Bank of Baroda, UBI, MSCB etc for supporting and encouraging the entrepreneurs of the State. Stating that the state has lot to offer in terms of tourism, Chief Minister said that the future of Manipur lies in the tourism sector. He maintained

that government is planning to take up a tourism project where an MLA would develop a tourist spot at their constituency to attract tourists. In the last two and half years, the influx of foreign tourist is increasing drastically from 500-600 per year during 2014-15, 2015-16 to above 10,000 tourists every month since 2017 onwards, he added.

Expressing concern over the steep rise in the price of local produced rice in the State, he said that the government is enforcing the Manipur Conservation of Paddy Land and Wetland Act to save our paddy fields. There is a need for vertical expansion rather than horizontal expansion for construction purposes in the State, he added.

He stated that the government is planning to replace the diesel auto-rickshaws to e-rickshaws to minimise air and noise pollution in the Imphal city area. He urged the banks provide loans to those auto drivers who want to procure e-rickshaws to replace their diesel-autos.

During the programme, brief presentations of six selected successful Start-ups were showcased. The Chief Minister and other dignitaries distributed the grants and sanction letter to be borne by the State Government to the selected Start-Ups and Entrepreneur under the scheme. Deputy Chief Minister Y. Joykumar Singh, Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, HODs of various departments, officials of different departments and others attended the function.

MU raid's Memorial stone demolished by authorities

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The memorial stone installed in front of the MUTA office, Manipur University remembering the 20th September 2018 raid on MU by Security forces was demolished yesterday night by the authorities. The memorial stone is to be unveiled. Talking to reporters Registrar in charge W. Chandrababu while not mentioning who demolished the memorial stone said that earlier he was instructed to remove the memorial stone by the administrator Jarnal Singh,

before he was out of station. The MUSU, MUTA and MUSA had intimidated the Administrator for installation of the memorial stone on September 4. But the proposal was rejected by the Administrator, he said. The Manipur University Students Union (MUSU), Manipur University Teachers' Association (MUTA) and Manipur University Staffs' Association (MUSA) today jointly organised an observation of the Manipur University Black Day in memory of September 20 midnight raid of the MU by the security forces.

4 nominated for MACR Child Rights Award

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Editor of Imphal Times Rinku Khumukcham, Chairperson of Child Welfare Committee Imphal West, Thyiam Rajkishore, Addl. Superintendent of Police NAB, Thounaojam Brinda, Manipur and ZEO Zone III Thoubal MES, Arambam Anilkumar have been nominated as the winners of the prestigious 'MACR Child Rights Award 2019' by the Manipur Alliance for Child Rights Award.

The four persons were nominated for the prestigious award in recognition to their extra ordinary efforts and commitments while working in the field of Juvenile Justice, journalism, education, combating drugs and alcoholism, a statement of the MACR said. The Awards will be presented to the nominated individuals in the 10th Children Cultural Meet, 2019 to be held on September 28, at 9 am at the Auditorium Hall of Tribal Research Institute (TRI) Chingmeirong, Imphal West.

Floral tribute paid to victims of crime against women

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Women Against Crime, Canchipur, today paid floral tribute (Langbhan Thana Lakpada) to the Women victims who were brutally murdered from the year 2009 to 2019 while celebrating 10th Years of service of the organisation at GM. hall, Imphal. The programme was attended by Thongam Biswajit Singh, Minister, Works, Power, RD&PR, Com.& Ind. IPR,

Ngangom Tejkumar, Former Director Prosecution and Chief Advisor of the Women Against Crime, Sumathaba Ningthoujam, Chairperson Manipur Commission for Protection of Child Rights, P. Deban Sharma, President AMUCO, and Sumil Karam, President, UCM among others. Minister, Thongam Biswajit while talking on the occasion said that he will give all support to the organisations while taking up welfare programme for the victim women.

Woman died in road accident

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A woman died today morning at Keishampat Leimajam Leikai in Imphal West district after she was hit by a four wheeler vehicle (Eco-Van) bearing registration No, MN-06 LA 9421.

The deceased has been identified as Khongdrum Memcha Devi (42), wife of Kh. Premananda of Langthabal Khunja Awang Leikai, Imphal West. She is a worker of the Seven Sister Security Service.

As per report the driver of the vehicle, Larengjam Gitaranjan, son of L. Jiban of Kumbi surrendered to the police after evacuating the injured lady at RIMS.

Woman found dead

IT News
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A woman was found hang to death at her resident today morning. Report said that the woman has been identified as Heikrujam Sanatombi (40), wife of H. Ramananda of Langthabal Kunja.

Police foils public meeting convened by Babysana's JAC

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Police today foiled the public meeting convened by the JAC Against the Murder of Ningthoujam Babysana at THAU Ground, Thangmeiband. The meeting was announced by the JAC through a press statement yesterday. The police foiled the meeting as the JAC could not get a permission from the District Magistrate, as the area has been under CrPC 144.

The JAC has been demanding the government to hand over the investigation over the death of 14 years old Ningthoujam Babysana, who was found hanged to death at her hostel room of Standard Robarth Canchipur on July 18. The State government even though had written to the CBI for taking the case, CBI is yet to announce the handling of the case officially. Earlier, this newspaper had reported that the CBI had agreed in

principal to take the case as the matter is of public interest. However, the CBI is yet to announce its official statement regarding the case. The JAC member while talking over phone to this newspaper said that the CBI is delaying in taking the case as the state government is not giving any pressure to the central authority. It also alleged intentional delay from the side of the state government as it does not want to hand over the case to the CBI.

Keithel vendors of Jiribam protest over extortion by militants at Noney

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Vendor ladies of Jiribam market today staged protest at the market shed protesting extortion of money from the woman traders by militants at Noney area. The protestors said that some militants extort a sum of Rs.

500 from every woman traders selling vegetable at Jiribam area at Noney Bazar since the last week. The woman said that those going towards Tamenglong were spared but the militant forcibly extort the money from all the traders who were going towards Jiribam after collecting vegetable from Imphal.

Demanding arrest and punishment of the militants, the vendor ladies of Jiribam threaten intensified agitation if the authority fails to take up immediate action against those militants. During the protest all shops and business establishment at Jiri keithel area remain shuts.

NFAI appeals to share film negatives for preservation; FSM appeals to save Manipuri Films

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As the films being part of India's cultural heritage, the National Film Archives of India has appealed to the public to come together to save the films and submit negatives of feature and short films for preservation at the National Film Archives of India, Pune. The National Film Archives of India has drawn the attention of the interested Producers or Production houses or Directors etc. who wish to deposit the original or dupe

negative, to provide their details by scanning the QR code available at the official website: nfaai.gov.in so as to reach at the Director, National Film Archive of India, Law College Road, Pune - 411004. The National Film Archives of India may be contacted through Email: it@nfaipune.gov.in, Telephone: (020)25659516 Facebook: @nfaiofficial, Twitter: nfaiofficial, and Instagram: nfaiofficial for details. National Film Archive of India (NFAI) has also invited to the public to share any rare film

and non-film material for preservation under National Film Heritage Mission (NFHM). The mission aims at Preservation, Conservation, Digitization and Restoration of the rich film content in country. It also appeals to come forward and submit any rare, archival material in any format: celluloid films (8mm/16mm/35mm/70mm), still photographs, moving images, VHS tapes, U-matic tapes, short film, documentaries, wall posters, book posters, song booklets, lobby cards etc. of Indian films in any language. Anybody can contact to the Director,

NFAI at director@nfaipune.gov.in. There are around 66 Manipuri feature films and a few short films produced so far in celluloid format. The negatives of these films are lying at the film processing labs at Kolkata, Mumbai and Chennai. Film Society of Manipur has also appealed to the public as well as the Government of Manipur to come together to save all these Manipuri films by extending helps towards the Manipuri film producers. Manipuri films are also a great treasure for the generations to come.

'Negative Impact of Climate Change on Indigenous Communities'

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As an initiative to create awareness about the negative impact of climate change on indigenous people, the North East Dialogue Forum is organizing an event at Khasi National Durbar Hall, Mawkhar at Meghalaya on Thursday, September 26, in connection with the fourth death Anniversary of late Bah Hoppingstone Lyngdoh. A statement of the NE Dialogue Forum said that Global Climate Strike begin from today and will continue till September 27, while some

will go on till September 28 and 29. The statement said that Human induced climate change has become a climate crisis requiring climate action on an emergency footing otherwise imminent catastrophic consequences is knocking at the door and actually has started gate-crashing almost everywhere. "No-one can claim exception from contributing towards accelerated climate change and its negative and devastating impact. Greta Thunberg a 16 year old teenager from Sweden started her protest and strike

more than a year back. Valentina Elangbam, a nine year old from Kachhing District, Manipur has become the Green Ambassador of her State as she had cried inconsolable when on returning from school one afternoon, she found that four of the trees she had planted four years earlier and nursed like her own brothers, have been cut down. "In our own measure, beginning from our own backyard, we have to be engaged conscientiously in mitigating climate change" the NE Dialogue Forum statement said.